

# Community remembers U.S. war dead

*More than 1,000 expected to attend*

The Liberty Wing sponsors a Memorial Day ceremony honoring the dead and missing of World War II at 11 a.m. May 26 at the Cambridge American Cemetery.

More than 1,000 people are expected to attend this year's memorial service including Air Force officials, H.M. Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire James Crowden and veterans of World War II who will speak and pay tribute to comrades in arms who have a final resting place on British soil.

Four F-15E Strike Eagles from the 494th Fighter Squadron will fly the missing-man formation, and more than 80 volunteers from the RAF Lakenheath community will provide assistance during the ceremony.

The Cambridge American Cemetery is one of 14 American World War II military cemetery memorials erected on foreign soil by the American Battle Monuments Commission. It was established as a temporary military cemetery in 1943 on land donated by the University of Cambridge. The site was later selected as the only permanent American World War II military cemetery in the British Isles and was dedicated July 16, 1956.

A large number of the 3,812 American servicemen and women interred there were crew members of British-based American aircraft. Most of the others were killed in the invasions of North Africa and France, in the training areas of the United Kingdom and in the waters of the Atlantic.



Photo by TSgt. Carl Schlesinger

**Sam Evans pays respect to a fallen comrade-in-arms during last year's ceremony.**

## *Public bus schedule for Cambridge American Cemetery ceremony*

### **May 26**

**RAF Lakenheath  
Departs**

**Hangar 6**

9:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

**Departs cemetery**

12:45 p.m.

1:15 p.m.

### **Transportation**

**Bus Stop**

9:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

**RAF Mildenhall**

**Departs Chapel parking lot**

9:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

**Departs cemetery**

12:45 p.m.

1:15 p.m.

Buses for volunteers will depart Hangar 6 at 7:30 and 7:45 a.m. May 23 for the final rehearsal, and at 7:45 a.m. May 26.

# Flying teams set to perform at Air Fete '97

Seven aerial demonstration teams are lined up to perform during Air Fete '97 May 24 - 25.

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, a team of six F-16C Fighting Falcons, will be making their only European appearance of 1997 May 24. The team has appeared only once before at Air Fete, in 1984.

The Swiss national display team, the Patrouille Suisse, will be making their first appearance at Air Fete this year. Also flying will be the RAF Red Arrows and Falcons, the French Patrouille de France team, the Royal Jordanian Falcons and the Italian Freccia Tricolori.

Seven hours of flying display are scheduled each day, along with extensive static aircraft and

an exhibition hangar. The exhibition hangar includes several displays commemorating the U.S. Air Force's 50th anniversary, including a display model of the Bell X-1B, a test plane that made its first flight in 1954 and went on to break the sound barrier with its pilot, then-Capt. Chuck Yeager.

British and American military members and their families are admitted free if they have their military identification cards. Admission is still necessary for any vehicles, whether or not there are additional passengers. Advance and two-day tickets aren't issued.

Car and coach parks open at 7:30 a.m. The exhibition area, including static aircraft parks,

flightlines and exhibition hangar, open at 8:30 a.m. Flying begins between 10:30 - 11 a.m. and should end around 5:30 p.m. The exhibition area closes one hour later.

The following prices include admission for all occupants and parking for vehicles. In the case of a car or motorcycle, the cost also includes a souvenir program.

☐ Cars — £17.

☐ Minibuses with 18 seats or fewer — £40.

☐ Motorcycles — £5.

☐ Coach or double-decker buses — £125.

Bicycles are admitted free of charge but riders must pay pedestrian rates, which are:

☐ Adults: — £4.

☐ Children 8 - 15 years old

and pensioners — £1.

☐ Children under 8 — free.

## **Buses available from Lakenheath**

A park and ride shuttle service will be available at the RAF Lakenheath Community Activity Center both days.

The shuttle will depart the center hourly from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. and every 15 minutes from 9 a.m.

The round-trip cost is: adults \$2; ages 12-17, \$1; and under 12, free. A family pass is \$5.

The service is available to all U.S. identification card holders. Advance tickets are available at the community activity center.